

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is one of those special moments when you look back in terms of your legislative career when some great action can be taken by this body. We vote here day in and day out on many matters, but we're at a crossroad. We've just passed LB 784, the trailer bill. We've passed LB 780 over to Final Reading and the time has come to confront the issue. What are we going to do with the revenue side of the picture? We don't want to get into a discussion at this point. All the issue before us with Senator Warner's motion is to overrule the Chair and to allow us to bring up the...on the agenda, LB 130. That is the best way to deal with the various issues that we have before us and I suggest that all the other peripheral issues have now come into focus and the true issue has got to be confronted, LB 130. So I would ask your support to overrule the agenda. I understand Speaker Barrett has no problem with that change and we go forward with what is the key point of the session, and that is the question of a sales tax increase.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, we can spend lots of time right now deliberating a sales tax increase, an income tax change, a super bracket on corporate taxes, a lottery bill, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. I suggest you not spend the time right now doing any of that. I think it is fit and proper, however, that we simply overrule the agenda, we alter the agenda so that we can at least take up LB 130 out of order to decide (a) whether we will use that bill to enhance revenues in any way and, (b) if so, how revenues will be enhanced. But the first item is to at least take up the carrier bill that we would use for revenue enhancement.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Higgins, please, followed by Senators Chambers, Hall and Haberman.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President, does the board showing 42 ayes mean seven senators are not present, Mr. Speaker, or excused?

SPEAKER BARRETT: There are seven members excused, Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That would mean almost 20 percent of the body is not here then to take up this motion, and I think we all know from the handout that Senator